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In re Application of

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Luban, et al.

DECISION GRANTING

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Application No. 10/043,621 Filed: January 11, 2002 Atty. Dkt. No.: 10031-007-999 For: CUSTOMER LOYALTY PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SUCH

PROGRAMS

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed August 12, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Matthew Luban has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

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